PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY,
RUTLAND, VERMONT.

Rutland, Vt., Sept. 22, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I have just received your favor of the 21st and read the same for a second time, trying to determine just what I ought to do. As you may be aware, Mr. Hinsman has received this nomination at the caucus and at our county convention, for the county senatorship from the city of Rutland, and it is only too evident that we are going to have a tremendous right. The bull moose and democrats are all on the warpath and the democrats at least have a far stronger following in this county than we have ever known them before. Thus, it is no man's victory so far as we can now determine and thus we are putting in quite a little time, hoping to save him. Our new building, as you are also aware, is just being completed and we are spending a good deal of time on that, and we shall only finish one-half of the same this fall, and in addition, general business conditions are simply the very worse.

But these are matters which we have been struggling with for the last few weeks and you might say months. Yet, notwithstanding this, if I can be of any assistance to you in being present on the 30th, I shall endeavor so to do. I can leave here on the train leaving at 11:05 A. M., which naturally would not reach Middlebury until a little after twelve, as you will notice the change of time, which went into effect yesterday. Thus, if you are to have a meeting, kindly advise me at your early convenience, stating where the meeting will be held.

I wish to thank you for your kind invitation to be present at the opening of the college on Thursday morning next and which ceremonies I

should greatly enjoy; but if I am to arrange to try to be with you on the following Wednesday, possibly I had better not arrange to be present at the opening ceremonies.

Trusting that everything will be favorable and with very best wishes for your success and those of the college, I am,

Yours most respectfully,

John A Wood